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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Applicants : Cooper R.D.G. et al.
Serial No. : 10/706,683
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Title : Novel Compounds and Method for Preparing 3-Methylcephams
Art Unit : 1624
Examiner : M. Berch

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Response

Dear Sirs:

Applicants are hereby responding to Examiner's rejection dated July 14th 2004.

Rejection-

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite and has allowed the remaining claims. In addition, the Examiner has objected to the specification in two regards. First that the abstract is too vague and that the reference to related applications is not clear. Amendments to the specifications, claims, and abstract are submitted herewith to address the Examiner's comments.